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Rather than accumulate a lot of separate short notes and announcements, as in the past, I plan to write a continuous column under the above title. Hopefully, this will be worthwhile as a source of news of activities of some general interest, and of specific interest to those working on beetles.

Acknowledgements.- Beginning in 1962 (volume 16) through 1966, (volume 20) my good friend T. J. Spilman edited the BULLETIN. During these five years, one quarter of its life, the journal matured and became of age. Many significant papers were published, and many of the authors publishing in those volumes are among the world's most productive entomologists. The highest editorial standards were set and maintained by Spilman, standards that will be hard to equal. The former editor had the constant aid of the editorial board, but as usual, the real burden was carried by Spilman. We all wish it were possible for him to continue, but many miles now separate his office and the new editorial office of the BULLETIN. I know all of the Coleopterists who use the BULLETIN join with me in thanking Spilman and the old board for the good job they did.

The CUA Press carried on the business activities of the BULLETIN from 1959 (volume 13) through volume 20. They contributed substantially by furnishing office space and maintaining without cost, all of the publishing chores needed to run the journal. They still hold and will supply back issues through volume 20. This help contributed the first years of financial stability for the BULLETIN, for which are grateful. We are sorry that changing interests at Catholic University prohibited us from continuing this association and we thank the CUA Press for sending the BULLETIN on with us to PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Finally, in the new home in the Mid-west, we have the sponsorship of a distinguished Department of Entomology, and the full cooperation of the PURDUE RESEARCH FOUNDATION. This top-level interest and approval is very encouraging for the future of the BULLETIN.

ACSIP.- The title under which this column appears refers to the project of which this BULLETIN is now a part. We hope to establish A Center for the Study of Insect Populations (ACSIP) with major emphasis on Coleoptera, where some of the suggestions made in a recent article in the Annals of the Entomological Society of America can be carried out. As these projects develop, they will be reported here.

Blatchley Collection.- Most readers are aware that the famous Blatchley collection of Coleoptera, Orthoptera, and Hemiptera is a major part of the Purdue Entomological Research Collection, now under the direction of this reporter. A full time curator is moving the remaining parts of the collection into drawers and trays, cataloging types, and preparing loans for interested revisors. Rapid expansion of the collection by the addition of new material (with emphasis on North American Coleoptera, Hymenoptera, and Odonata) threatens to make this collection one of major interest. We invite students to visit us - working space will be provided - and prompt attention will be given to all loan applications. At the present time there are four staff taxonomists associated with the collection: Dr. B. E. Montgomery (Odonata), Dr. Leland Chandler (Hymenoptera), Mr. J. N. L. Stibick (Coleoptera), and Dr. R. H. Arnett, Jr. (Coleoptera). In addition, Miss Janice Foster is a part time curator.

New BULLETIN format.- As you can see, there has been some change in the format of the BULLETIN. We have increased the page size so that we can use a new type face that will be compatible with typewriter composition and still give us as many words per line as before, using a more condensed type face. We end up with more lines and words per issue than before. By going to offset and using some typewriter composition, we hope to save enough to considerably enlarge the BULLETIN. One very great saving is in illustrations. Either line drawings or half-tone photographs can be used at no additional cost. There is no limit on the illustrations for articles now. We are also investigating the cost of color photographs. The current policy on composition is this: if the article is on insects, it will be set in linotype composition with justified right hand margins; if it is on literature, news, or notices, it will be set on the IBM typewriter. This composition costs nothing, and its use makes the job of editing much more flexible. Your comments and suggestions are invited.

Current literature.- One of the features of the BULLETIN that high printing costs forced us to discontinue a few years ago was the current literature section. As soon as possible, we will again cite current publications. Your help in sending reprints, announcements of publications, and reviews will be greatly appreciated. We may find it possible to increase the frequency of the BULLETIN to accommodate more literature listings.

Research notices.- Most subscribers have returned the forms indicating interests, exchanges, and similar information. This is being organized and will be included in an early issue.

Page cost charges.- Attention is drawn to the editorial policy on the cover, and to the fact that authors who have funds available for publication will be billed accordingly. This will help us increase the size of the BULLETIN. (To be continued.) - Ross H. Arnett, Jr.